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DATE: June 2, 2008

TO: Legislative Finance Committee

FROM: Taryn Purdy 

RE: Operating Plan Changes - Additional

Subsequent to the mailing of materials to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) on May 23 for the June 5 and 6 meeting, the Office of Budget and Program Planning submitted an additional five operating plan changes that meet the criteria in Section 17-7-138 for referral to the LFC prior to approval. The attached memorandum from OBPP explains the proposed changes.

Staff has reviewed the proposed changes and raises no issues.

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**To:** Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
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**From:** David Ewer, Budget Director *Ewer by Aszano*  
Office of Budget & Program Planning

**Date:** May 29, 2008

**Subject:** LFC Review & Comment on Operating Budget Changes and Program Transfers

In accordance with 17-7-138, MCA, the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning is submitting four additional operating plan changes that will exceed \$25,000 and 25% of a budget category for review and comment at the June Legislative Finance Committee meeting. Also, this office has processed one operational plan change as time sensitive. Your staff was notified and had no issues at that time. This budget change document is at the end of the following list.

- The **Montana State Library** is requesting that \$47,500 be transferred from the Equipment budget to the Operating budget in FY 2008. This transfer reflects a change in the format of the information that the Library provides. Based on information availability and patron demand, the State Library is providing more access to digital content through online databases, e-books, online journals and digitized print collections. This type of content must be funded from the Operations budget rather than the Equipment budget. [51150 325 OP813]
- The **Department of Public Health and Human Services** is requesting that \$371,510 be transferred from the Benefits and Claims budget to the Personal Services, Operating and Grants budget categories so journaling expenditures from agency federal funds (03794 / 892G5) to agency general fund (01100 / 892G5) can be done, will meet the required non-federal match, and can be recorded correctly. [69010 892 OP133]
- The **Department of Public Health and Human Services** is requesting that \$110,000 be transferred from the Disability Services Division's Personal Services and Operating budgets to its' Equipment budget in FY 2008. The equipment purchases are for safety issues, and are requested to maintain licensure of the facility (MDC) and Medicaid participation of the cost of the facility. Three vehicles used to transport clients are old and often in need of repair. Breakdown of any of these vehicles poses safety issues to both the individuals and the community. [69010 890 OP135]
- The **Department of Public Health and Human Services** is requesting that \$1,168,628 be transferred from the Health Resources Division's Benefits and Claims budget to its' Operating budget. Recently it was determined that certain Medicaid costs for the Managed Care Bureau should be classified as administrative costs rather than a benefit cost. This adjustment will allow for proper accounting of these costs. [69010 892 HA140]
- The **State Auditors Office** requested to move \$824,173 in FY 2008 and \$925,614 in FY 2009 from the Grants budget category to Benefits and Claims budget category. This transfer was necessary to allocate funding to where payments would actually be made by the agency as insurance subsidies and not grants. This budget was incorrectly set up in the beginning of the biennium during the turnaround process. This request was granted and processed as "time sensitive" because the agency needed to make this transfer in order to make the required payments to the vendor. LFD staff raised no issues with this transaction. [34010 135 OP832]

We have reviewed these requests and find them to be in compliance with state and federal laws and policies. The transaction documents are available for you and your staff in our guest directory. Please let us know if you have questions or wish additional information.

CC: Taryn Purdy  
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Kris Schmitz  
Eileen Rose